

St. Leo Magnus Roman Catholic Church

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday: 6:00 pm

Wednesday - Saturday: 8:30 am

Saturdays: Rosary is recited at 8:00 am

Holy Day Masse0

Evening before: 6:00 pm

On the day: 8:30 am & 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

Wednesday: 4:00-6:00 pm & Saturday: 9:00 am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday + Thursday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm



*None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die
for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the
Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life,
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.*

Romans 17: 4-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12, 2026 + Votive Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Bob Weidert (Laura Jones)

Saturday, September 12, 2026 + Vigil for Twenty-fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Mark Stolburg & Liz Mitchell (Nina Stolburg)

Sunday, September 13, 2026 + Twenty-fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Laurie Casolo (Family)

10:00 am Mike Rechner (Jim & Theresa McLaughlin)

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 + Our Lady of Sorrows

NO MASS

Wednesday, September 16, 2026 + Saints Cornelius and Cyprian

NO MASS

Thursday, September 17, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am Verbeck & Ely Families (George & Nancy Peterson)

Friday, September 18, 2026 + Weekday

8:30 am Ron McDonson (McDonson Family)

Saturday, September 19, 2026 + Votive Mass for Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am John & Marie Viglione (John Viglione)

Saturday, September 19, 2026 + Vigil for Twenty-fifth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

5:15 pm Adam Karpinski (Ruth Steis)

Sunday, September 20, 2026 + Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Francis Nearing (Family)

10:00 am Les & Onie Stilwell (McDonson Family)

READINGS: Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time #922

*The wine and hosts for September have been donated in
loving memory of*

Jim Manno & Sam Benigni
by Virginia Manno

Pope Leo XIV

Prayer Intention for September
FOR THE CARE OF WATER

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a
vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
May we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie



The Sanctuary Candle before the Blessed Sacrament
will burn this week in loving memory of
Thomas and Elizabeth Verbeck
by their family.

Spiritual Opportunities this Week

Tuesday, September 15

9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, September 16

6:00 pm Millions of Monicas

Thursday, September 17

9:00am - 6:00pm Adoration of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, September 19

8:00 am Rosary
9:00 am Confession

***Note: Wednesday, Sept. 16 - No Confession**

Saint Leo Parish offers our prayers and sympathies to the family of
Steve Dinsmore
 May he, and all the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

Online Giving

As summer winds down and routines begin to shift, your consistent support helps our parish stay strong in ministry and mission. Online giving makes it easy to stay connected—even when you're on the go. Visit www.stleomagnus.org to set up a one-time or recurring gift. It's secure, simple, and helps us continue serving our parish community all year long. Thank you for your generosity, your faithfulness, and the many ways you bless our church family.

Ways to Remember

There are many ways to memorialize both living and deceased family and friends:

Mass - \$10/requested date

Candles: Sanctuary, Saint Leo, Saint John of God - \$20/week

Beat the Heat/Cancel the Cold - \$10/date

Contact the parish office for details.

Our
LADY of Sorrows

Have an IRA? Would you like to gift to a qualified charity, tax free?

If you make donations, and are subject to required minimum distributions (RMD) rules for your IRA, gifting some of your RMD income using the qualified charitable distribution will count toward satisfying your RMD, and neither you or the charity will have to pay income taxes. Call the parish office for more details.

Baptism Preparation Class Schedule

Oct. 10, 2026 10:00 am Sacred Heart, St. Marys
 814.781.1019

****Be Sure to call ahead to reserve your spot**

Submit by Sept. 15 for the Sept. 20 bulletin

St. Leo Magnus Church

Parish Office Hours

9 am - noon & 1-4 pm

Monday - Thursday

Ph: 814-772-3135

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CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

WEEKLY WISDOM FROM OUR HOLY FATHER

"In a time marked by profound changes, giving rise to worrying imbalances, the Church is called to serve the human person, listening to and welcoming the deepest questions of their heart and the longings that dwell within them, pointing to Christ as the key, the focal point and the goal of all human history. Therefore, in the Church, at every level and in every age, brothers and sisters, may joy and hope – gaudium et spes – be the distinctive features of a Church who proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, drawing close to the women and men of our time."

Pope Leo XIV

General Audience + 2 September 2026



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Liturgical Ministries September 19/20, 2026

	Saturday 5:15	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
Altar Servers	E & A Leuschel	H Bowen G McCloskey	M Gausman S Swanson
Eucharistic Ministers	J or M Hauser	V Stager	L Caggese F Howard C Leader
Lectors	M Buck	J Allenbaugh	C Tutton

Money Counters - Sept. 21 - Team #3
Altar Guild - Sept. 18 - Group 3, Pew 5



HAPPY GRANDPARENTS' DAY!

CD of A MEMBERS

The September Meeting/Tureen Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Feel free to bring your favorite side dish or dessert to accompany the main entree. We look forward to seeing you!

PA MARCH FOR LIFE – SEPTEMBER 21

Join Catholics from across Pennsylvania on Sunday, Sept. 21 for the Pennsylvania March for Life as we stand together in support of the dignity of every human life. Visit our website at <https://www.eriercd.org/pamarch.html> for event details and bus information.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next weekend's second collection supports the Catholic Education Collection. Half of every gift stays at St. Leo to support religious education; the other half funds diocesan faith formation and educational ministries. Please use the special collection envelope, or www.stleomagnus.org to contribute. Thank you!

PADRE PIO BUS TRIP

CD of A Court #95 is hosting a bus trip to the National Center for Padre Pio on Tuesday, Sept. 29th. The bus will depart at 5:30 am and return by 10 pm. Cost \$80. Contact Lori @ 814-594-3972 to register.

FRANK RUNYEON

Emmy-nominated T.V. star will offer a humorous look at the Beatitudes. Monday, Sept. 14 at 6 pm at Christ the King Parish in Houtzdale. www.cpoecc.org for more information

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Help us honor veterans at St. Leo Cemetery with wreaths this Christmas. Wreaths Across America will take place on December 19th. Our goal is to place wreaths on 325+ veteran graves. Each sponsored wreath is \$17 and will help ensure that no veteran is forgotten. To sponsor one or more wreaths, please contact the parish office or place your donation in the offertory labeled "Wreaths Across America" Please submit donations by Sept. 20. Thank you for helping us remember the fallen, Honor Those Who Serve and teach the Next Generation the Value of Freedom. If you are intered in participating in the placement of the wreaths on December 19, please reach out to the Parish Office.



O.C.I.A.
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you a non-Catholic who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you a baptized adult Catholic who has never been confirmed or celebrated First Communion?
OCIA is for you!

Sessions start Sunday, September 13th.

Contact the Parish Office @ 814.772.3135 for more details

K of C 300 Club Winners

	<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>
\$100	R Minnick	D Miller	L Kucenski
\$50	Gaga	J Zamerowski	J Bullers
\$50	A DeStefano	K Miller	R Imhof
\$50	E Petrosky	R Leithner	Rosa & Dean
	<u>Day 4</u>	<u>Day 5</u>	<u>Day 6</u>
\$100	C Bomba	M Johnson	G Leithner
\$50	L Harrison	D Challinsworth	M Fernan
\$50	B Hinton	A Chiliski	L Hood
\$50	R Martin	J Leithner	G Aiello
<u>FINAL DRAWING</u>			
\$500 N DePanfilis			
\$250 V Pagone, J Sluberski			
\$100 L DePanfilis, R Leithner, S Steis, D Dworsky, S Piccirillo			



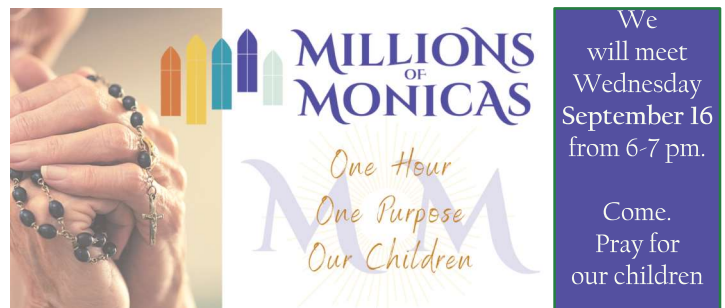
WORD MADE FLESH
Altar Server Retreat

SATURDAY, OCT. 17
St. Tobias, Brockway - FREE

Come closer to God by serving at His altar. Altar servers in grades 6 – 12 are invited to experience a day of faith, friendship and formation at the Word Made Flesh Altar Server Retreat on Saturday, October 17. Grow in your love for the Mass, meet other altar servers from across the diocese and deepen your relationship with Christ. Free to attend—registration required.

REGISTER HERE

Help form the next generation of disciples. Make your gift today. Scan the QR code or visit ErieRCD.org.



MILLIONS OF MONICAS

One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children

We will meet Wednesday September 16 from 6-7 pm.

Come. Pray for our children

From the Pastor's Desk

BLESSED IN AMERICA:

Summer Reflection Series on those Beatified from the United States

Week 9 of 10: **Blessed Michael Joseph McGivney** (1852 – 1890)

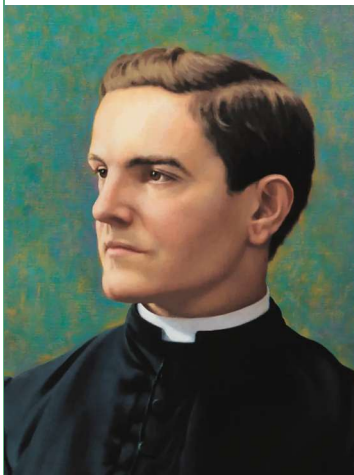
*Beatified on 31 October 2020

My dear parish family:

He served as a priest in Connecticut for just over a dozen years. Here is one true story about our penultimate (or next to the last) Blessed from America. After being arrested for being intoxicated, a 21-year-old Catholic named James Smith from New Haven, CT, shot and killed a police officer. After the proper legal case, he was sentenced to death. While on Death Row, James encountered (not just met – not just saw – but encountered in a profound way) Father Michael J. McGivney, who would visit him daily. Initial resistance to Father McGivney being there evaporated away. James took advantage of God's abundant mercy (no instance even being in prison because of committing murder, exempts us from God's merciful love) and quickly became a transformed man. Why? Because – Christ the Teacher – the Merciful Judge – the Priest was seen and encountered in the person and ministry of Father McGivney. On the day of James' execution, Father McGivney experienced on one of the most harrowing in all his priestly ministry, in the jail cell, as a man was going to his death, he offered for him the Sacrifice of the Mass. When Mass had ended, Smith turned to Father McGivney and calmly said: "Your have enabled me to meet death without a tremor. Do not fear for me."

On March 29, 1882, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus. He would later Comment that this new fraternal organization of service was, "to unite the men of our Faith ... that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of deceased members."

There was an even greater aspect to Father McGivney's vision. Many thought at the time that it was *impossible* to be both a good Catholic and a good citizen of America. The Knights would dispel that heresy. Two years after the founding of the Knights at St. Mary Church in New Haven, Father McGivney was transferred to another assignment, like many of us priests. His impact and spiritual integrity remained and indeed followed the good shepherd to his next flock. In 1884 he became pastor of St. Thomas Church in nearby Thomaston, Connecticut. Six years later, Father McGivney died at 38 years of age, amid a global viral pandemic. (See 2020 was not an isolated incident; and how providential that year of another pandemic was the time God ordained that Michael be beatified by the Church.) He had never been in the best of health, and he had been plagued with tuberculosis in his later years before a severe case of pneumonia claimed him on the eve of the feast of the Assumption, 1890. It is said that no carriage could be rented for "love nor money," as the old saying once quipped, on the day of his funeral: extra train services were laid on to transport Catholics from all over Connecticut to Waterbury, where more than 70 priests attended his Requiem Mass.



The Vatican approved a miracle, attributed to Father McGivney, concerning the healing of a young boy from Tennessee while his mother was pregnant with him. Doctors discovered that the child had a rare condition called hydrops fetalis, a condition that causes fluid to build up in a baby's organs and tissue, causing swelling. Doctors judged the condition as fatal with *zero chance* of survival given the severity of this case. The family turned to prayer and sought Michael McGivney's intercession, promising to name the child after him if cured. Five years later, Michael McGivney Schachle carried Blessed Michael McGivney's, the third priest born in the United States to be beatified, relics into Saint Joseph Cathedral in Hartford during the beatification mass.

Let's call upon Blessed Michael McGivney this week: *God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

As Fulton Sheen said at the end of all his broadcasts: "God love you!" *Father Justin*